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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
106 HILLCREST DRIVE
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

JANUARY 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Robert T. Reives, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Frazier led the Lord's Prayer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. Chairman Parks asked the Board to consider a request from the Board of Education to sell property, and discussion of a Resolution opposing the school voucher lawsuit against the State of North Carolina. Commissioner Reives asked for an update/report on the EDC/Chamber merger. With no other changes made, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *Agenda* as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Womack moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the January 6, 2014 regular meeting, and
- Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2013 (copy attached).

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute §153A-52.1, Chairman Parks opened the floor for *Public Comments*. The following signed up to speak and were allowed 3 minutes for comments:

1. Mr. Joe Calendine, 210 High Ridge Drive, Apt. F, Sanford
2. Mr. Bill Tatum, 2511 Wellington Drive, Sanford

The Board considered the FY 2014-15 Community Services Block Grant Program for Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action that had been deferred at the January 6, 2014 meeting. No one from Johnston-Lee-Community Action was present for the meeting due to the anticipated inclement weather. Commissioner Dalrymple, who also serves on the Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action Board, stated Ms. Watson had offered to meet with Commissioners Wednesday morning, January 22nd in the Sanford office to discuss the Annual Plan and what staff do on a daily basis; however, only two Commissioners responded they would attend the meeting. Commissioner Womack suggested redirecting the funds allocated for Lee County to an existing 501-C3 organization in the County that already does this type work such as Family Promise of Lee County. Commissioner Frazier moved to defer action until Ms. Watson could appear before the Board of Commissioners to answer questions. After discussion, Commissioner Reives made a substitute motion to approve the Grant Application and send word to the Johnston-Lee-Harnett Board that Commissioners have questions/concerns they need clarification on and to set up a joint meeting to discuss those concerns. Commissioner Frazier withdrew his motion to defer action. Commissioner Womack stated he wanted Ms. Watson to appear before Commissioners during a budget work session and explain how the federal grant money is used. Upon a vote of Commissioner Reives motion to approve, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and Commissioners were asked to forward questions/concerns to the Clerk who would compile and share with all Board members, and provide to Commissioner Dalrymple for submission to Ms. Watson.

The Board heard a presentation from Greg Taylor, Executive Director of the Fort Bragg Regional Alliance. At the conclusion of Mr. Taylor's presentation, he asked that Lee County restore funds in the current budget to help sustain the organization. No action was taken.

Mr. Robbie Ferris, CEO of Firstfloor, LLC gave a presentation on build-to-lease educational facilities. Mr. Ferris stated his company was a proven leader in the design of high performance educational facilities in North Carolina with over 30 years of experience. Samples of their school designs include Eastern Guilford High School in Guilford County, Overhills High School in Harnett County, Rocky Mount High School, Watauga High School and numerous community college and university buildings. Advantages of leasing were discussed which included speeding up the project delivery/reducing inflation, eliminates construction risk for the county, reduces operating costs, improves the quality of the building, and speeds the cycle of innovation. A success story involving the recently completed Sandy Grove Middle School in Hoke County was shared. No action was taken.

At this time Chairman Parks called for a 10-minute recess. Upon returning from recess, Chairman Parks stated that Commissioner Frazier had left the meeting due to sickness. All other members were present and the regular meeting resumed.

The Board considered contracts for non-emergency Medicaid transportation services. Social Services Director Brenda Potts stated three (3) vendors in Lee County had expressed interest in providing non-emergency Medicaid transportation services. Only two (2) vendors provided required

information to issue a contract effective February 1, 2014. Ms. Potts stated that according to federal Medicaid policy, each round trip has to be evaluated and the method of transportation selected is based on the least expensive mode available and the determination that the type transportation is appropriate. If a client requires a lift van, only vendors with that capability will be considered. Price information was provided by each of the two vendors and services they can provide. The Social Services Board approved the contracts during a recent meeting. The two vendors submitting required information is COLTS Transportation and Fleming Taxi. The following vendor requirements must be met before being considered:

- Carry sufficient insurance on all vehicles,
- Ensure all drivers are properly licensed,
- Ensure all vehicles used to transport clients have valid State registration,
- Participate in random drug and alcohol testing program on drivers,
- Perform criminal background checks on all drivers, and
- Perform driving record checks.

After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve contracts from COLTS Transportation and Fleming Taxi for non-emergency Medicaid transportation services for Social Services, copies of which are attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered bids for the FCC compliant UHF digital trunking countywide system. Emergency Services Director Shane Seagroves stated a need had been identified for additional communication capabilities in the County, especially since the tornado that hit Lee County. The added function of a digital trunking radio system will meet those needs. Over the last five years the aging wideband radio system has been replaced with the latest communication equipment. This project was implemented during the county's transition to the State's Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) antenna site at the Emergency Services Training Center on Airport Road. The following bids were received for the final phase of the UHF trunking radio system project:

Fleet Connect (State Contract), Sanford, NC	\$53,413.25
Sea Coast Communications, Wilmington, NC	55,861.25
Secom Systems, Norcross, GA	64,319.10
High Country Communications, Linville, NC	74,279.83
Kimball Communications, Inc., Hendersonville, NC	78,980.58

After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the low bid from Fleet Connect, Sanford, NC, in the amount of \$53,413.25 to complete the UHF digital trunking countywide system. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the acceptance of additional State revenue for the Health Department for Health Promotion. Health Director Terrell Jones stated Lee County had been notified they would be receiving additional Healthy Communities funding in the amount of \$6,789.00 that will be used to send Healthy Communities staff to webinar trainings and additional support needed to better implement the new changes to include Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention and Care in the Healthy Communities Action Plan. Mr. Jones stated the Board of Health approved acceptance of this funding at their January 8th meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve acceptance of \$6,789.00 in additional Healthy Communities funding as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Board of Education for the County to hire seven (7) additional School Resource Officer (SRO) personnel. County Manager John Crumpton stated on July 1, 2013 the Lee County Sheriff's Office was given the responsibility of providing School Resource Officer service to the Lee County Board of Education by Local Act of the General Assembly. Commissioners approved an original budget for the operation in the Sheriff's Office for nine (9) deputies. In November and December, the Board of Education took actions to request seven (7) additional SRO's (for a total of 16) and pledged "At Risk Funds" and "Special Grant Funding" to help pay for the additional deputies. Mr. Crumpton suggested that if the Board was in agreement with the School's request, an inter-local agreement between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners be put in place to cover the agreed upon transfer of funds to the County. Budget figures were presented showing the current SRO budget, projected expenses, cost for adding three (3) additional SRO's, cost for adding four (4) additional SRO's, and the total funding that would be provided by the County. Cost for employing SRO's on a 10-month basis and a 12-month basis were also shared. Sheriff Carter had stated to the County Manager he could use existing funds in this current budget to employ three (3) additional SRO's with no additional funds required. Commissioner Reives stated he would like to find out what the Sheriff, County Manager, and Finance Directors expectations are for these positions. He also stated he would like to know how the money is being used. It was suggest this matter be discussed at the February 6th joint meeting scheduled between Commissioners and the Board of Education. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to defer action on the matter and ask staff to meet with the Sheriff and Superintendent to find out expectations of the additional SRO's and include this item as part of the joint February 6th meeting, and invite Sheriff Carter to attend the joint meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment # 01/21/14/08. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented said Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the following departments:

Health – to appropriate \$10,357 in additional funds for Health Promotion and Family Planning received from the Department of Public Health.
Administration – To rollover \$19,177 budgeted in the previous year for the EDC Strategic Plan.

Social Services – To appropriate \$524 in additional funds to be used for heating costs for eligible clients.

Miscellaneous Expenses – To appropriate reserve funds to cover overages for liability and vehicle insurance.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve *Budget Amendment # 01/21/14/08* as presented, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the FY 2014-15 Budget Procedure Calendar. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the proposed calendar for consideration and stated the calendar is not a firm calendar and is subject to change due to budget work sessions the Board might hold. Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the *FY 2014-15 Budget Procedure Calendar* as presented, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Board of Education to sell property that had been added at the beginning of the meeting. County Manager John Crumpton stated the Board of Education has requested that the County waive their right of first refusal so they can sell a small piece of property near the Greenwood School that has been declared surplus. Under North Carolina General Statutes §§ 115C-518 and 160A-269, the Board of Commissioners has the right of first refusal to purchase the property. Since the property clears up a title and ownership issue for an adjoining property owner, and the amount of property would be of no use to the Count, Mr. Crumpton recommended the County waive its right and allow the Board of Education to sell the property. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to grant the Board of Education's request to sell the property in question and waive the County's right of first refusal to purchase it. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed a Resolution added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting opposing the NCSBA School Voucher Lawsuit against the State of North Carolina and the participation of the Lee County School Board in that lawsuit. Commissioner Womack presented said Resolution for discussion only and asked the Board to review and consider at the February 3rd meeting of the Board. No action was taken.

Chairman Parks gave an update on the EDC/Chamber merger that had been added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Parks stated at the last EDC meeting discussion centered on the County's Incentive Policy/Guidelines, the hiring of a new EDC Director, and public and private stakeholders meetings. No action was taken.

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the *Monthly Financial Report* for month ending December 2013. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report for January 2014*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. No action was taken.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to extend the deadline for additional proposals for the joint Community Development facility until Monday, March 3, 2014. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

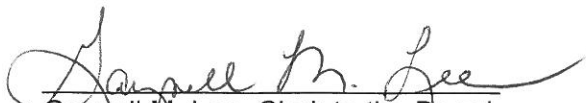
Commissioner Dalrymple asked the County Manager to set up a meeting of the joint Interlocal Agreement Committee which includes 3 representatives from the County and 3 from the City.

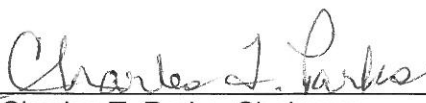
With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reives moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board


Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners